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THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

With the adoption of resolutions reiterating the industry's position on descriptive labeling, requesting the Canning Code Authority to continue its efforts for incorporation of the descriptive labeling plan in the Canning Industry Code, and urging canners to cooperate with the Legislative Committee to secure in Federal legislation appropriate provisions for descriptive labeling of canned foods, the National Canners Association brought to a close on January 18 one of the largest conventions in its history.

Labeling and legislation were the two subjects considered by canners at practically every meeting held during the week of the convention at the Stevens Hotel. The labeling question was likewise brought before the annual meeting of the Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, which adopted a resolution approving the descriptive labeling plan and tendering that association's cooperation to the canning industry in securing its adoption.

Chief among the features of the convention's activities and proceedings were:

Exposition of the labeling and legislative situation by members of the Labeling and Legislative Committees and counsel for the National Canners Association, and endorsement of the industry's plan for descriptive labeling by representatives of distributors' organizations, including the National-American Wholesale Grocers Association, the United States Wholesale Grocers Association, Associated Grocery Manufacturers of America, and the National Association of Retail Grocers.

Discussion of proposed descriptive terms at commodity group meetings and appointment of, or provision for, commodity subcommittees to continue work on descriptive terms and to arrange for and cooperate in the work on objective tests in connection with these terms.

Authorization by the Board of Directors for the Legislative Committee to study legislative proposals introduced in Congress that may affect the canning industry and to make representa-

tions to Congressional committees on the position of the Association and the industry with respect to these proposals.

Announcement by the Labeling Committee that in view of the present situation with respect to the labeling question, it would seem the part of good judgment for canners to place, when necessary, orders for such labels as they will require for the 1935 season, but not to order supplies in excess of such amounts.

Adoption of the Association's budget for 1935 and the fixing of the rate of membership dues at one-third cent per case for seasonal and one-sixth cent per case for nonseasonal products.

Approval of the request of pitted red cherry canners for the establishment of a section for that commodity.

Meeting of canners, under the auspices of the Code Authority, at which were presented a review of the negotiations for the code, the organization of the Code Authority, and the activities it has carried on.

Adoption by the Conference Committee of definitions for the terms "prompt shipment" and "immediate shipment" and revision of the net weight for choice cling and free stone peaches in No. 2½ cans.

COMMODITY GROUP MEETINGS ON LABELING

Discussion of descriptive terms was the principal feature of the commodity group meetings held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The majority of these groups had before them for consideration terms proposed in the report made by the Committee on Standards and Labels or terms formulated by subcommittees that had been appointed for the respective commodities. A number of the groups appointed or arranged for new or enlarged subcommittees; others continued the subcommittees previously appointed. All arranged for continuance of the work on terms, with which there will also be work connected with the development of objective tests and coordination of these tests with the terms finally decided upon. It will devolve upon the general Labeling Committee to coordinate the entire plan as applied to the various products.

Following are brief statements as to each group meeting, with the personnel of the subcommittees selected:

APPLES AND APPLE PRODUCTS

After a presentation of the labeling question by a representative of the Labeling Committee and discussion of terms, it was voted to appoint two committees to do further work on the formulation of descriptive terms. These committees are as follows: Apples—J. C. Richendrfer, C. S. Kale Canning Co., Everson, Wash.; M. E. Knouse, Knouse Corp., Peach Glen, Pa.; Paul Emerson, Comstock Canneries, Inc., Newark, N. Y. Applesauce—L. F. Naughton, Haxton Canning Co., Oakfield, N. Y.; H. F. Patterson, Lyndon-

ville Canning Co., Lyndonville, N. Y.; W. B. Glover, National Fruit Products Co., Washington, D. C.; E. A. Meyer, C. H. Musselman Co., Biglerville, Pa.; Howard M. Lum, Lum Packing Co., Sodus, N. Y.

ASPARAGUS AND SPINACH

The descriptive terms for asparagus as proposed by the Labeling Committee were discussed and approved, and the existing committee on asparagus was continued to do such further work as may be found necessary. In the absence of adequate representation of spinach canners the descriptive terms for this product were discussed in an informal manner, and the subject was referred to the Labeling Committee with the idea that the subcommittee should be reconstituted to carry on the work.

LIMA BEANS

Various changes were approved in the descriptive terms as originally proposed for lima beans, and the further development of the terms was entrusted to a committee consisting of: G. L. Webster, G. L. Webster Co., Cheriton, Va.; N. H. Fooks, Mt. Airy Canning Co., Mt. Airy, Md.; Henry P. Taylor, Taylor & Caldwell, Walkerton, Va.; H. W. Woodward, Hillsboro-Queen Anne Cooperative Corp., Baltimore, Md.; W. P. Hartman, W. R. Roach & Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.; George H. Draper, Jr., Milford, Del.

GREEN AND WAX BEANS

After informal discussion of the various descriptive terms proposed for green and wax beans, the following named committee was selected to continue the work on descriptive terms: B. C. Nott, W. R. Roach & Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.; J. N. Shriver, Hillsboro-Queen Anne Cooperative Corp., Baltimore, Md.; L. Meulendyke, W. N. Clark Co., Rochester, N. Y.; N. O. Sorensen, Gillett Canning Co., Gillett, Wis.; A. P. Dorgan, Dorgan-McPhillips Packing Corp., Mobile, Ala.

BEETS AND CARROTS

Discussion of descriptive terms was followed by the appointment of a committee to work out further descriptive terms for beets and carrots, as follows: J. E. DeMaster, J. E. DeMaster Co., Sheboygan, Wis.; Herbert Apple, Snider Packing Corp., Rochester, N. Y.; J. O. Holt, Eugene Fruit Growers Association, Eugene, Oreg.; Richard Dickinson, Jr., Dickinson & Co., Eureka, Ill.

BERRIES, PLUMS, AND PRUNES

In view of the fact that labeling recommendations covering these products had previously been made to the Labeling Committee, the canners met informally in this group and took no further action at the time. The subcommittees for the respective products will be continued.

BLUEBERRIES

Discussion of proposed descriptive terms was followed by appointment of a committee to develop further the details of descriptive labeling for blueberries, this committee consisting of: Charles A. Stewart, A. L. Stewart & Sons, Cherryfield, Me.; James Wyman, Jasper Wyman & Son, Millbridge, Me.; Fred C. Black, Black & Gay Canners, Inc., Thomaston, Me.

The group voted to form a permanent organization and elected officers.

PITTED RED CHERRIES

The group discussed the proposed descriptive terms for pitted red cherries and made some changes in the terms as tentatively proposed. For further development of the details of the descriptive plan, the present

subcommittee was continued with the understanding that it will be enlarged. The present committee consists of: Karl S. Reynolds, Reynolds Preserving Co., Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; Frank H. Van Eenwyk, Fruit Belt Preserving Co., East Williamson, N. Y.; Marc C. Hutchinson, Michigan Fruit Cannery, Fennville, Mich.

The group adopted a resolution requesting the National Cannery Association to authorize the organization of a Pitted Red Cherry Section, and selected officers for the section.

CORN

Discussion of the labeling question was followed by adoption of a resolution providing for the appointment of a nominating committee consisting of the presidents of canners' associations in corn-canning states to appoint one member from each of the corn-canning states to serve on the subcommittee for descriptive terms for canned corn. The selection of this committee had not been completed at the time the convention adjourned and will be announced later. The question of label allowances was presented, but no action was taken by the section.

GRAPEFRUIT AND GRAPEFRUIT JUICE

Discussion of descriptive terms was limited almost entirely to grapefruit, and tentative approval was given to the various terms proposed. Further development of the work will be in the hands of the Florida Grapefruit Cannery Association, serving as the subcommittee on the commodity.

KRAUT

The section endorsed the descriptive labeling plan and the report of the subcommittee on descriptive terms for kraut. It voted continuance of the present subcommittee for further work on the subject, the committee being as follows: Lon P. Flanigan, Seneca Kraut & Pickling Co., Geneva, N. Y.; C. M. Walters, Libby, McNeill & Libby, Chicago, Ill.; Martin Meeter, Meeters, Inc., Lansing, Ill.; A. E. Slessman, Lutz & Schramm Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

MUSHROOMS

The mushroom canners formally endorsed descriptive labeling and appointed the following subcommittee to develop appropriate terms for use on the product: Charles Sweigart, Keystone Mushroom Co., Coateville, Pa.; Harold McGee, Mushroom Cooperative Canning Co., Kennett Square, Pa.; Charles Savery, Great Western Mushroom Co., Denver, Colo.; Albert S. Porter, Michigan Mushroom Co., Niles, Mich.; William E. Chambers, Jr., Edward H. Jacob, Inc., West Chester, Pa.

PEACHES, APRICOTS, AND R. A. CHERRIES

After informal discussion, it was agreed that further details on terms for these products should be worked out by subcommittees to be named later by canners in the Pacific Coast states.

PEARS

Proposed descriptive terms on style of pack, number of pieces, and density of syrup were discussed and tentatively approved. It was the sense of the meeting that canners in attendance should present these recommendations to their individual associations and state associations for further consideration.

PEAS

The subject of descriptive labels was presented by representatives of the Labeling Committee, after which there was discussion of the factors

involved and the various terms proposed. A motion was adopted providing for the selection of a committee of not less than five members to continue work on the development of descriptive terms for canned peas, this committee to be selected by the presidents of canners' associations in peacanning states. The selection of the entire subcommittee was not completed at the time the convention adjourned and will be announced later.

PIMIENTOS

As the result of discussion of descriptive terms proposed for pimientos, the group decided that another meeting should be held in March in Macon, Ga., with Walter L. Graefe serving as chairman of the committee to be selected to meet at that time.

PUMPKIN AND SQUASH

Following discussion of proposed descriptive terms for these products, the following committee was selected to continue consideration of the terms on pumpkin and squash for recommendation to the Labeling Committee: Robert S. Thorne, Geneva Preserving Co., Geneva, N. Y.; Theodore S. Bird, Medomak Canning Co., Rockland, Me.; Wayne Robertson, Eugene Fruit Growers Association, Eugene, Oreg.; Richard Dickinson, Jr., Dickinson & Co., Eureka, Ill.; Max Finch, Seymour, Ind.

SWEET POTATOES

In the absence of representative canners of this product, no action was taken, and the recommendation was made to the Labeling Committee that the committee on sweet potatoes be reconstituted to make such further studies as may be necessary.

TOMATOES AND TOMATO PRODUCTS

Beside a general discussion of the labeling question and the presentation of suggested descriptive terms for canned tomatoes and tomato juice, the subject of special provisions for payment of wages on tomatoes on a flat piece-work basis was presented. A committee was appointed to collect additional information regarding the operation of this provision during the 1934 canning season, so that adequate data may be presented for consideration by the NRA.

The section took no action with reference to the question of label allowances which was brought before the section by reference from the Conference Committee.

The chair was authorized to appoint a committee of five to carry forward the development of descriptive terms for canned tomatoes, and a committee of three for tomato juice. The personnel of these committees is as follows: Tomatoes—Harry L. Cannon, H. P. Cannon & Son, Bridgeville, Del.; F. A. Wilder, Pratt-Low Preserving Co., Santa Clara, Calif.; Kenneth N. Rider, Trafalgar, Ind.; Frank J. Tormey, Snider Packing Corp., Rochester, N. Y.; Herbert J. Barnes, Kaysville Canning Corp., Kaysville, Utah. Tomato Juice—P. L. Gowen, Campbell Soup Co., Camden, N. J.; Ralph Kemp, Kemp Bros. Packing Co., Frankfort, Ind.; C. E. Hume, G. W. Hume Co., San Francisco, Calif.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The officers and directors elected for 1935 and a partial list of the committees appointed by President Howard A. Orr are as follows:

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*A. T. Flynn, Rochester, Minn.
*H. C. Frost, Portland, Oreg.
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*Ollie Gilliatt, Vincennes, Ind.
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George H. Draper, Jr., Milford, Del.
Guy L. Webster, Cheriton, Va.
A. F. Schroder, Winneconne, Wis.
P. L. Gowen, Camden, N. J.
E. S. Thorne, Geneva, N. Y.

SECTION AND GROUP OFFICERS

Officers were elected at a number of the Section and commodity group meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Fruit and Shrimp Sections did not hold meetings. The Pitted Red Cherry group voted to organize as a section, and this action was approved by the Administrative Council. The blueberry group formed a permanent organization and elected officers. The pumpkin and squash group selected officers to serve as Section officers in case it is desired to have an organization of that group. The elections in the Sections and groups were as follows:

APPLES AND APPLE PRODUCTS

Chairman: P. E. Emerson, Comstock Canneries, Newark, N. Y.
Secretary: B. E. Maling, Ray Maling Co., Inc., Hillsboro, Oreg.

WAX AND GREEN BEANS

Chairman: H. A. Titus, Hamburg Canning Co., Eden, N. Y.
Secretary: J. C. Richendrfer, C. S. Kale Canning Co., Everson, Wash.

DRY BEANS

Chairman: Stewart Rose, Loudon Packing Co., Terre Haute, Ind.
Secretary: Craig Dillon, Vincennes Packing Corp., Vincennes, Ind.

BEETS AND CARROTS

Chairman: Glenn Finch, Edgett-Burnham Co., Newark, N. Y.
Secretary: Richard Dickinson, Jr., Dickinson & Co., Eureka, Ill.

BLUEBERRIES

Chairman: Henry B. Bird, Medomak Canning Co., Rockland, Maine.
Secretary: Fenwick M. Winslow, H. L. Forhan Co., Portland, Maine.

PITTED RED CHERRIES

Chairman: Karl S. Reynolds, Reynolds Preserving Co., Sturgeon Bay, Wis.
Secretary: Frank H. Van Eenwyk, Fruit Belt Preserving Co., East Williamston, N. Y.

CORN

Chairman: Stewart Farrar, Finger Lakes Canning Co., Penn Yan, N. Y.
Secretary: Clarence E. Carll, Carll Canning Co., Gorham, Me.

KRAUT

Chairman: C. L. Felshaw, Clyde Kraut Co., Clyde, Ohio.
Secretary: L. E. Balza, E. J. Balza Co., Green Bay, Wis.

MEAT

Chairman: J. J. Vollertsen, Armour & Co., Chicago, Ill.
Secretary: W. Lee Lewis, Institute of American Meat Packers, Chicago, Ill.

PEAS

Chairman: James F. Shriver, B. F. Shriver Co., Westminster, Md.
Secretary: F. L. Shannon, W. N. Clark Co., Rochester, N. Y.

PUMPKIN AND SQUASH

Chairman: Robert S. Thorne, Geneva Preserving Co., Geneva, N. Y.
Secretary: Richard Dickinson, Jr., Dickinson & Co., Eureka, Ill.

TOMATOES AND TOMATO PRODUCTS

Chairman: J. Roscoe Wheatley, Hillsboro-Queen Anne Cooperative Corp., Baltimore, Md.
Secretary: Henry Dodd, California Packing Corp., San Francisco, Calif.

MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The principal business before the Board of Directors at their meeting preceding the convention was consideration of reports from the Labeling and Legislative Committees and recommendations from the Administrative Council on the 1935 budget and rate of dues.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the Legislative Committee to make an analysis of the Copeland bill (S. 5) revising the Food and Drugs Act, and to present to Congressional committees the position of the Association with respect to that bill; to consider other legislative proposals and take appropriate action; to take steps deemed necessary in the committee's dis-

cretion to secure incorporation of the descriptive labeling program in appropriate legislative proposals to be presented to Congress.

The budget as recommended by the Administrative Council was adopted, and the rate of dues for 1935 fixed at one-third of a cent per case on seasonal products and one-sixth of a cent per case on nonseasonal products.

The request of a representative of canners of dog and other animal foods that they be admitted to membership in the Association was referred to the Administrative Council for further consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY LABELING COMMITTEE ON ORDERING OF LABELS

In anticipation of definite or final action on the labeling question, many canners who find it necessary to get new or additional labels for the 1935 season have delayed placing orders or have placed conditional orders. Consequently label printers are likely to have a congestion of work when orders are finally placed.

Whatever action is taken on labeling, whether under the code or through legislation by Congress, a certain amount of time must elapse before a new labeling system can be placed in operation. Even with the immediate adoption of the descriptive labeling system, considerable time will be necessary to work out completely the descriptive terms to be used, and more time perhaps to develop and perfect the objective tests required in connection with these terms.

Under these circumstances it would seem the part of good judgment for canners to place, when necessary, orders for such labels as they will require for the 1935 season. It would not seem good judgment to order supplies in excess of such amounts, because regulations in connection with any new labeling system will doubtless give a reasonable period within which to use up labels in stock but will also limit the period within which such old labels may be used.

MACHINERY AND SUPPLIES ASSOCIATION APPROVES CANNERS' PLAN

At its annual meeting on Wednesday morning the Canning Machinery and Supplies Association adopted the following resolution endorsing the descriptive labeling system and tendering the Association's cooperation and support to the canning industry toward securing adoption of the plan:

Whereas, The Standards and Label Committee of the canning industry has developed a plan for the descriptive labeling of canned foods, and

Whereas, The principle and system of descriptive labeling have been recommended for incorporation in the Code for the canning industry and

have been approved as the basis for revision of the standards and labeling provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, and

Whereas, The producers of equipment and supplies for the canning industry have common interests with canners in the adoption of standards and labeling laws and regulations that will operate effectively to the benefit of both consumers and the industry, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Canning Machinery and Supplies Association endorse the principle of descriptive labeling and tender to the canning industry its cooperation and support toward securing the adoption of the system of descriptive labeling.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

At the meeting of the Conference Committee of canners, brokers and distributors on Monday, the question of increasing label allowance was raised by representatives of the wholesale grocers, and at their request this subject was presented to the various commodity group meetings for their consideration. In a similar way the matter of excessive denting of cans in shipment was called to the attention of the group meetings.

Definitions for the terms "immediate shipment" and "prompt shipment" for domestic and export shipments were adopted by the conference, as follows:

Domestic: "Immediate" shipment—shipment within five days, not including date of the order or Sundays or holidays. "Prompt" shipment—shipment within ten days, not including the date of the order or Sundays or holidays.

Export: "Immediate" shipment—shipment within ten days, not including date of the order or Sundays or holidays. "Prompt" shipment—shipment within twenty days, not including the date of the order or Sundays or holidays.

It was recommended that in purchasing canned food products by the pound, the Navy Department be requested to determine net weights on the basis of the conference committees' approved net weight list.

On recommendation of the National Canners Association research laboratories, the conference approved a change in net weight declaration on No. 2½ choice cling and free stone peaches from 1 lb. 14 oz. to 1 lb. 13 oz.

REPORTS MAILED TO MEMBERS

Copies of the annual report of the Secretary and the annual address of the President, with which is printed the audit of the books of the Association for the year 1934, are being mailed to all members. With these two publications are also being sent the data on canned corn, peas, tomatoes, and green and wax beans compiled by the Statistical Division of the Association, and a copy of the Copeland bill (S. 5) for the revision of the Food and Drugs Act.

CODE AUTHORITY ELECTION

Members of the Code Authority for the Canning Industry as selected by the election held in December were announced at the time of the annual convention at Chicago. There will be 16 instead of 15 members during the present year, the NRA having on January 18 announced its approval of an amendment to the Canning Code providing for this increase so that the Territory of Hawaii may be given proper representation. The members-elect as submitted to the National Recovery Administration for approval are:

Elmer E. Chase, Richmond-Chase Co., San Jose, Calif.	Karl K. Mayer, Kuner-Empson Co., Brighton, Colo.
Fred B. Childs, Libby, McNeill & Libby, Chicago, Ill.	W. A. Miskimen, Stokely Bros. & Co., Indianapolis, Ind.
Ralph O. Dulany, John H. Dulany & Son, Fruitland, Md.	Robert C. Paulus, Paulus Bros. Packing Co., Salem, Oreg.
Frank Gerber, Fremont Canning Co., Fremont, Mich.	William H. Ritter, P. J. Ritter Co., Bridgeton, N. J.
Walter Graefe, Pomona Products Co., Griffin, Ga.	A. F. Schroder, Wisconsin Canning Co., Winneconne, Wis.
Francis A. Harding, Wm. Underwood Co., Watertown, Mass.	L. B. Sammis, Rocca Bella Olive Co., Wallace, Calif.
B. F. Julian, Marshfield Supply Co., Marshfield, Mo.	E. S. Thorne, Geneva Preserving Co., Geneva, N. Y.
H. E. MacConaughy, Hawaiian Pineapple Co., San Francisco, Calif.	Harry A. White, California Packing Corp., San Francisco, Calif.

Members who will serve for the first time are E. S. Thorne, Walter Graefe, William H. Ritter, H. A. White, L. B. Sammis, and A. F. Schroder.

NRA APPROVES SALMON CODE AUTHORITY MEMBERS

The NRA, on January 18, announced recognition of the following as duly elected members of the Code Authority for the Canned Salmon Industry: H. B. Friele, Nakat Packing Corp., Seattle, Wash.; A. H. Bradford, Lowe Trading Co., Seattle, Wash., Western Alaska area representatives; William Timson, Alaska Packers Association, San Francisco, and A. W. Wittig, Shepard Point Packing Co., Seattle, Central Alaska area representatives; D. W. Branch, Libby, McNeill & Libby, Seattle, and W. F. Scholthan, Beegle Packing Co., Ketchikan, Alaska, South-eastern Alaska area representatives; C. J. Sebastian, Sebastian-Stuart Fish Co., Seattle, Wash., Puget Sound area representative; W. L. Thompson, Columbia River Packers Association, Astoria, Oreg., and A. L. Gile, Chinook Packing Co., Chinook, Wash., Columbia River area representatives.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON RED SOUR CHERRY AGREEMENT

A series of four public hearings is being held on a proposed marketing agreement for red sour cherries for canning and cold packing at Ludington, Mich., January 25; Sturgeon Bay, Wis., January 28; Rochester, N. Y., February 1; and Salt Lake City, February 8. The provisions of the proposed agreement are in regard to minimum prices to producers, grade provisions according to United States standards, and regulations of "toll" packing. The agreement provides for a control committee of 16 members from five producing districts, and the members of the first control committee would be named in the agreement.

A minimum price of three cents per pound would be established in the agreement with a provision which might permit a higher minimum to be recommended by the control committee not later than June 1 of any year. Any such increased minimum price would become effective when approved by the Secretary.

HEARING ON CANNED DOG FOOD STANDARDS POSTPONED

Public hearing on proposed definitions and standards of identity and biological value, and labeling requirements for canned dog food and a plan for their enforcement, originally scheduled for January 29, 1935, has been postponed until February 5.

MORE TRADE AGREEMENTS UNDER NEGOTIATION

Notices of trade agreement negotiations with Finland, Italy, and Canada have been announced by the State Department. The latest date for submitting written statements to the Committee for Reciprocity Information is February 4 for the Finland agreement, March 4 for the Italian agreement, and March 11 for the Canadian agreement. The dates for oral presentation of views are February 11, March 11, and March 18, respectively.

PROGRESS OF SHRIMP PACK

The total pack of shrimp during the week ended January 16, 1935, amounted to 7,361 cases, making a total of 805,123 cases since August 2, 1934, as compared with a pack of 5,200 cases during the week of January 17, 1934, and 649,242 cases from August 3, 1933, to that date, according to a report of the Shrimp Section of the National Cannery Association.

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